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1. Prior to his capture of Hankow, LIN Piao sent his niece into Hupeh to develop support for him so that he would become chairman of the Central China Area Government. At this time, the principal Communist leader in the area was HSIAO Kun, regarded as a LIU Po-cheng man. HSIAO protested LIN's move.
2. When the government was formed, however, LIN became chairman. HSIAO Kun was made first vice-chairman and LO Ying-han, a follower of LIN Piao, second vice-chairman.

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